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BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS EXPERTS ARRIVE TWO WEEKS AFTER APPROVAL TO GIVE TIME FOR FULL BRIEFING OF ADVISERS BASED ON SAUDI COMMENTS ON THEIR MISSION. COST ESTIMATES ARE BEING SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR THREE CURRENT MISSIONS.

END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY MUST INSIST THAT NO FURTHER ADVISORS ARRIVE IN SAUDI ARABIA EARLIER THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER EXPRESS APPROVAL FROM THIS EMBASSY, WHICH IS CONTINGENT ON SAG APPROVAL AMONG OTHER THINGS.

2. THE EMBASSY CANNOT JUST CLEAR TRAVEL OF EXPERTS PRO FORMA WITH DR. SULAIM OF THE ECON COMMISSION BUT MUST SEEK CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE SAG OFFICIALS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE PREPARED FOR WORKING WITH EXPERTS. IT IS
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IMPORTANT TO DEFINE THE ADVISORS' MISSION AND TO REACH

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A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE. WE CAN UNDERSTAND INTEREST IN EXPEDITING VISTS OF EXPERTS, BUT WE MUST MAKE CERTAIN THEIR VISITS ARE GOING TO FIND SAUDIS READY AND ABLE TO DEFINE THEIR DESIRED ACTIVITIES.

THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME FOR EACH ADVISOR TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY RESEARCH AND PREPARATION IN THE U.S. BASED ON SAUDI COMMENTS ON THEIR MISSION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT TWO-WEEK PERIOD AFTER EMBASSY APPROVAL IS NOT JUST A GENERAL RULE, BUT A FIXED STEP IN THE PROCEDURE WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ADVISORS SET SPECIFIC ETA FOR SAUDI ARABIA.

4. WE ARE PRESENTING THE FOLLOWING COST ESTIMATES TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO REQUEST PAYMENT FOR THE MISSIONS NOTED:

COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT: CHARLES WILK $5,958
EDUCATION & MANPOWER: CHAIRMAN MATHEWS $14,400
PATENTS: BARRY GROSSMAN $5,647
TOTAL $26,005
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